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TAGS: CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA AND KENNETH STEVE

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SUBJ: AMCIT KIDNAPPING IN TANZANIA

1. STILL SHAKEN BY THE EXPERIENCE, TWO AMERICAN STUDENTS
AND A YOUNG BRITON GAVE NAIROBI AND FOREIGN PRESS EYE-
WITNESS VERSIONS OF GOMBE RAID AT USIS-ARRANGED NEWS
CONFERENCE AFTER ARRIVING BY CHARTERED PLANE FROM KIGOMA
THURSDAY EVENING.

2. THEY WERE EMILY POLIS, 20, OLYMPIA, WASH., JIM BAUGH,
21, SAN MARINO, CALIF., AND JONATHAN WAINWRIGHT, 19,
BOURNEMOUTH, ENGLAND.

3. THE THREE AVOIDED SPECULATION AS TO IDENTITY OF
MAURAUDERS, PRAISED COURAGE OF TANZANIAN GUARDS WHO BADLY
BEATEN WHEN REFUSED TO DISCLOSE LOCATION OF GOODAL AND
"OTHER WHITE PEOPLE AT THE CAMP," SAID THEY HAD NO IDEA
AS TO MOTIVE FOR RAID. POLIS SAID TANZANIAN RANGERS
GUARDING CAMP "WOULD HAVE DIED FOR US." SHE ADDED SHE THOUGHT
SHE AND SOME OF OTHERS ESCAPED KIDNAPPING ONLY BECAUSE THEIR
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HOUSES ON HIGHER GROUND. THOSE SEIZED LIVED LOWER DOWN NEAR
THE LAKE. WAINWRIGHT SAID RAIDERS, "MORE THAN 30," LANDED
IN LONG BOAT, OR POSSIBLY TWO, ABOUT 12:15 A.M. LOCAL MAY 20,
DEPARTED ABOUT 1:15 A.M. HEARD SIX OR SEVEN SHOTS FIRED

BUT NO CASUALTIES AMONG THOSE NOT TAKEN. STUDENTS HID IN HILLS UNTIL MID-MORNING, WHEN LEFT FOR KIGOMA IN UNITED NATIONS FISHERIES PROJECT BOAT ON LAKE TANGANYIKA.

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